

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited via the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on November 2, 2005, as evidenced by his return of an initialed Form PTO-1449 to the office of the undersigned.

Applicant awaits the Examiner's return of an initialed Form PTO/SB/08 to signify his consideration of the references cited therein, which were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via an IDS filed on September 8, 2003.

II. Claims.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-8 as being allegedly anticipated by *Xydis* (U.S. Patent No. 6,070,240) under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3 and 7. *Xydis* discloses a computer access control apparatus and method (abstract; Fig. 1, col.1, lines 50-63). The Examiner asserts that *Xydis* teaches a transponder containing a user authorized code (FOA page 3; col. 2, lines 57-60). *Xydis* teaches that a database of authorized codes is compiled and placed in the computer. (col. 2, lines 49-50). The Examiner asserts that the authorized code is information of the terminal associated device because it is the information used to communicate with the terminal associated device (FOA page 3). However, the authorized code is specific to a user and a transponder (col. 2, lines 58-60). *Xydis* does not disclose that the transponder stores information of a terminal associated

device. A transponder stores a user code and transmits it by radio signal. The comparator compares the received user code and user code in a database to determine whether or not to unlock the computer. *Xydis* fails to disclose that the transponder stores information of the terminal associated device.

In contrast, claims 3 and 7 require that the key device registers information of said terminal-associated device, and said key device connects to said terminal-associated device through the short-range radio communications only when the information registered in the terminal-associated device which has requested a connection to said key device and the information registered in said key device agree with each other. *Xydis* fails to disclose the key device registers information of the terminal associated device. At least for this deficiency the rejection of claims 3 and 7 as being anticipated by *Xydis* under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), should be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 8 are asserted as being allowable at least by virtue of their dependence upon an allowable claim. “inhibiting the portable terminal device . . . from being used . . .”

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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